

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 27 May 2015

Members present: Stuart Lollis, Jeff Carlson, Christina Brown, Geoffrey Kontje, Bob Avakian, Peter Vincent - Chairman

Absent: Lil Province

Staff: Varkonda, Morrison

### **Public Hearings:**

MVC/FELIX NECK Installation of a marsh-monitoring system. Joann Taylor present for the applicant. [Brown, abstaining as member of the Commission, left the room.] Permission has been received from Mass Audubon. The intent of the project is to monitor whether or not the rate of marsh vegetation is able to keep up with sea level rise. Ms. Taylor noted that some similar projects are up and running in Falmouth. The proposal involves the installation of several 40-foot slender steel rods that are pounded into the marsh. A receiver is then placed on top of the rods during monitoring. The equipment moves from one hole to the other during monitoring. Very little equipment is kept on site. The only thing that will be visible is a PVC cap, and possibly a 2 x 4 wood platform - if Felix Neck wants it there for educational purposes. There will be no damage to the marsh. The project is for five years. Funds were donated by the Edey Foundation and the Friends of Sengekontacket. Sedimentation rates will be measured twice a year, four times a year for the first year or so.

Vincent asked if the same route will be used every time. Ms. Taylor said that only one or two people will be involved, so they shouldn't make much of an impact. The agent said that she didn't think the apparatus would even be visible to the untrained eye. Data will be supplied to the Commission.

Avakian made a motion to approve the project as presented. Kontje seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

SOLE-SURKIN Tracy Smith, Sherry Purdy, and Katie Donahue, also from Sandpiper, were present for the applicants. Two separate NOIs for adjacent properties. Vincent reported on the site visit – he said he had no concerns. Proposal involves the creation/preservation of a view channel and paths. Most of the proposed cutting will be on the Sole property. Surkin is selling his property and is asking for a small path. McCarron is preparing the easement document and will supply it to the Commission so that the orders of conditions will match up. Path will be flagged on site prior to cutting and reviewed by the agent. Carlson made a motion to approve the project as presented. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with standard conditions.

METROPOULOS Review of restoration. Brown and Varkonda reported on the site visit. A massive replanting was done since 2009, and the vegetation has come in beautifully. The previously mown landscaped areas have reverted back to Vineyard lawn status. The agent noted that the current caretaker is very conscientious. Agent proposed that the bond be released after the May monitoring

report is reviewed. The Commission has had the bond for six years. Brown commented that she would still like the agent to keep an eye on the property. CB made a motion to endorse the release of the bond after the May monitoring report. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_